



**Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District  
Wednesday, December 20, 8:00 a.m.  
Duval Agricultural Extension Office  
1010 N. McDuff Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32254**

Supervisors in Attendance: Shannon Blankinship, Allen Moore, Dan Evans, Hunter Anderson

Supervisors Absent: Nelson Greene

Partners in Attendance: Johns Barnes (Affiliate Member), Al Oliver (NRCS), Stacey Simmons (FDACS), Alicia Halbritter (Duval IFAS), Tiffany Parisi (general public)

Call to order, Chairperson Blankinship 8:10 AM

1. Review Minutes, August 2017, September 2017, October 2017, November 2017

MOTION to approve minutes from August, September, October, November 2017 made by Dan Evans

SECOND by Allen Moore

IN FAVOR Unanimous

2. Review Treasurers Report and Bank Statement from September 2017, October 2017, November 2017

MOTION to approve Treasurers Report from September 2017, October 2017, November 2017 made by Dan Evans with the requirement of clarification on the \$160 withdrawal in November

SECOND by Allen Moore

IN FAVOR Unanimous

3. Agency Reports

- a. Al Oliver – NRCS

- i. Only 4 applicants reapplied from Duval County after not receiving conservation funding in 2017. That number is way down from this time last year.
- ii. It would be a good time to get on the agenda for the Cattlemens Assn or Duval Agricultural Council

- b. Stacey Simmons – FDACS

- i. Said we should do more events like the Start Farming panel. Said it was a success, and she needs to meet more landowners to enroll them in the BMP program.
- ii. She is attending a Cattle/Nursery mingle event in central Florida and suggested we host one as well. Said the goal of the event is to bring together cattlemen in one place to meet/discuss various programs to open up dialogue.
- iii. Recommended more info and focus/promote info on beekeeping in 2018

4. Envirothon

- a. Monthly meeting on 1/11/2018

- b. John Barnes looking to get high level sponsors for 2018. Will attend St. Johns County monthly meetings to say thank you for contribution in 2018, will attend Duval School Board Meeting to promote event to entire board

5. Nominations for 2018 District positions
  - a. Chairman

MOTION from Dan Evans for Allen Moore to serve as Chair in 2018

SECOND Allen Moore

IN FAVOR Unanimous

- i. Allen Moore wanting to emphasize the District Aid position, said that paid staff is important for moving forward

- b. Vice Chairman

MOTION from Dan Evans for Shannon Blankinship to serve as Vice Chairman in 2018

SECOND Allen Moore

IN FAVOR Unanimous

- c. Treasurer

MOTION from Dan Evans for Hunter Anderson to continue serving as Treasurer in 2018

SECOND Allen Moore

IN FAVOR Unanimous

- d. Secretary

MOTION from Allen Moore for Dan Evans to serve as Secretary in 2018

SECOND Hunter Anderson

IN FAVOR Unanimous

- e. Affiliate Membership

MOTION from Shannon Blankinship to have John Barnes and Ed Wright continue as Affiliate Board Members in 2018

SECOND Hunter Anderson

IN FAVOR Unanimous

6. Plan of Work/Operations update. See 2018 Plan of Operations & Action
7. Roundtable – General Comments
  - a. Tiffany Parisi – said we should consider attending Jax Earth Day at the Landing, River Day at RAM, Offered to help with Fact Sheets, said cleanups to help with drainage in the Northside is a good way to get involved with neighborhoods, said would help look for Envirothon sponsors
  - b. Alicia Halbritter – Field Day in February, Forage demo being planned, 73 plots of forage currently planted.
  - c. Hunter Anderson – to develop a draft business card and get quote for printing.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:03 AM